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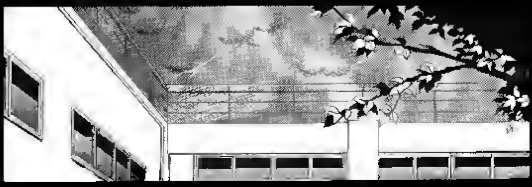
HEY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HIROSE?!
CHEATER!
YOU DID IT WITH THAT GIRL IN OUR CLASS... NATSUMI!!
I'M BLEEDING
HUH?
WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THAT...?!
FIIP
I'VE GOT PROOF!!
LOOK!!

YOU AND I ARE GOING OUT!
THAT STUPID GIRL.
THIS IS REALLY TOO MUCH
NATSUMI SENT OUT AN EMAIL!!
WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
SHUT UP!
SURPRISE
SOMETIMES I'D RATHER SEE A GIRL'S TITS THAN A DICK.
YOU'RE A GUY, TOO, SO YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND.

MATSUI IS GOING OUT WITH ME.



MATSUI CAN'T HELP BUT CHEAT ON ME.
AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN COMPLETELY FAITHFUL, BUT ...
I REALLY LIKE HIM...
plunk
plunk
Sob
Sob
EVERY TIME, IT MAKES ME CRY.
I KEEP MY EYE ON HIM, BUT HE CAN'T BE CURED ...
HE CHEATS WITH ONE GIRL AFTER ANOTHER ...
whoosh
Sob
SHIT.
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM.

A GUY LIKE THAT DESERVES TO BE CURSED.
HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD TASTE HEARTBREAK AND PAIN, NOT
whoosh
meow
meow

chomp

he lives alone
203
Matsu
IF IT'S OKAY TO DO THAT STUFF WITH WOMEN ...
BECAUSE I DON'T THINK MATSUI WILL JUST GIVE IN EASILY.
I'D BETTER APOLOGIZE
MAYBE I'LL TURN THE TABLES INSTEAD!
DO I KNOW YOU?
Aeww
OH A KITTY CAT!
JUNIORS WILL DOMINATE THEIR SENIORS
MEOW
I'LL MAKE HIM A SLAVE AND SAVOR EVERY MINUTE OF IT!!
Purr
HUH ?
Purr
THAT WOUND

silence
DING
DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
HEY!
JUST LIKE IT ...!
OH, I SEE
IF I RECALL, MATSUI HAD ONE...
meow
CLICK CLICK
IS MATSUI SLEEPING AGAIN!!
He seemed tired at school too.
BANG

rub
meow
HE'S NOT HERE
HOW STRANGE!
HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD TASTE HEARTBREAK AND PAIN, NOT ME!!
HE DESERVES TO BE CURSED.
meow

NO WAY...!
IS IT MY FAULT FOR SAYING THOSE THINGS?!
MATSUI HAS ASSUMED THIS FORM!
MATSUI... IS IT REALLY YOU?

INCREDIBLE!
MAGIC REALLY DOES EXIST!!
Flame
To be precise, curses exist
SINCE I PLACED A CURSE ON SOMEONE, DOES THAT MEAN I'M A SORCERER?
OR DOES A CURSE MAKE ME A SHAMAN? A PRIEST?
I DIDN'T DO THIS ON PURPOSE!!
HOW AM I GOING TO UNDO THIS?!
Oh?? No!!
IF MATSUI STAYS THIS WAY FOREVER...
I'm not into lesbianism
I'M NOT GONNA HAVE A LOVE LIFE!!

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE SO WORTHLESS...
I'M SORRY, MATSUI
BUT EVERY-THING WILL BE FINE.
I SWEAR, WITH THIS HAND, I WILL RESTORE YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORM!!
I WILL RESTORE YOUR LIFE!!
GO!
CL
AP

SIGH
meow
meow
glance
chi—ng
DO I NEED TO MAKE AN OFFERING ...?
SIGH
purr
purr
glance
slip
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE 5 YEN ...?
PLEASE UNDO THE CURSE I PUT ON MATSUI TODAY!
THERE-FORE
PLEASE!!
HOW ABOUT 10,000 YEN ...?
Bong
Bong
DO I NEED A MONEY ANGEL...?

trickle trickle
ERGH
GROAN
WHY ISN'T HE CHANGING BACK?!
meow
splash
!?
meow
meow
BACK UP
BACK UP
THAT'S THE SHRINE'S HOLY WATER, MATSUI...
IF YOU BATHE IN IT, THE CURSE WILL BE REMOVED FOR SURE!
GETTING READY. GETTING READY
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...!!
pounce
SCRATCH
OW! OW!

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING FOR REMOVING CURSES?
HUH?
NOTHING NEVER MIND
OKAY, SO I'VE GOT TO TRY ANYTHING I CAN
like an RPG
Destroyed
HP 25/375
Verge of death
THAT'LL BE 1,520 YEN
ching
AND SO
HE'S A CHILD OF GOD. HOW IS GOING TO A HOSPITAL BETTER THAN AT CHURCH?
YOU'D LIKE AN EXORCISM? BRING THE PERSON IN QUESTION TO THE CHURCH.
AH
IF YOU WANT THE CURSE TO GO AWAY, YOU MUST DONATE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION YEN TO MY HUMBLE SELF...

I'M COMPLETELY AT MY LIMIT...
IF THIS IS A GAME, MAYBE THERE'S A MESSENGER IN THIS AREA WHO WILL ME A HINT...
RPG CHARACTERS ARE PRETTY HARD TO DEAL WITH ...
MAN, I'M BEAT!!

ALTHOUGH ...
IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU STAYED A CAT, MATSUI
THEN I COULD TAME YOU...

AND YOU WOULDN'T CHEAT ON ME ANYMORE
SHOCK
ARGH...!!!
DAMN IT! AND I'VE GOT THE BOSS BATTLE RIGHT AFTER THIS!
THE HEALING HERBS AND ANTIDOTES ARE ALL USED UP!
ba-thump
ba-thump
Argh! That guy...!

THAT'S IT!! HEALING HERBS!!
I'VE HEARD THAT GRASS CAN BE USED AS MEDICINE, AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A PATCH OF ROUGH GRASS!!
BASICALLY, THESE ITEMS ARE USED FOR CURING "BAD STATES!!"
That's the rule in role playing games!!
LISTEN, I BET THIS KIND OF THING
IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!!
rustle
OKAY, THEN, START LOOKING!!

TWEET TWEET
TWEET TWEET
MY CROWN OF FLOWERS IS COMPLETE!!
HOORAY!
Ya
y
I STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.
It looks a little weird at first.
NO...! I REMEMBER ...
HIROSE HAS CHANGED CLASSES FROM A GAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TO A GIRLY GAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!!
IF I WORK HARD, I CAN MAKE A WHOLE SET OF ACCESSORIES!
AH!

peck peck
wiggle, wiggle
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!!
MATSUI!! WHAT ABOUT THE HEALING PLANTS?!
MATSUI IS GATHERING HIS STRENGTH!
dash
dash
dash
YOU STUPID CAT!! QUIT PLAYING AROUND!!
peep peep
HP/16
MP/39!
HATO
TARGET LOCK ON!
!!

Pounce
STOP IT!! MATSUI, LOOK OUT...!
MATSUI!
I'LL SAVE YOU!!
Splash
Grr
Ack

gulp
GASP
rushoosh
SHIT! IT RAINED YESTERDAY
roar
THE CURRENT IS STRONG...

OH NO!
gulp
gulp
grab
whooshaa

TH
UD
cough
cough
ARE YOU OKAY?
MATSUI?!
I saved your life...
ANYWAY... YOU SEEM SAFE NOW.
HOORAY ...!! YOU'VE RETURNED TO NORMAL!!
HEY, YOU, LOOK AT THAT...
HUH?
SQUEEZE

BUT YOU'VE BOTH GOT A WOUND IN THE SAME PLACE...
Look!
IT'S COINCIDENCE. HE PROBABLY GOT IT FIGHTING WITH ANOTHER CAT.
Yes, ma'am.
THERE ARE TWO OF YOU, MATSUI?!
WHAT?!
THAT'S JUST A STRAY CAT
meow
!?
shake
shake
I GET IT...
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MATSUI ...?
I WAS COMING BACK FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE WHEN I SAW YOU
matsui get ready
MATSUI? BUT I'M RIGHT HERE
YOU WERE ACTING REALLY STRANGE
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU EVER SINCE A CURSE?

TH-THEN... YOU WERE IN THE SHADOWS THE WHOLE TIME, WATCHING ME ACT LIKE AN IDIOT?!
I WAS FOLLOWING YOU!
JERK! WHY DIDN'T YOU COME OUT?!
Give me back my money!
I WAS WATCHING YOU.
WHY?
YOU WERE RUNNING AROUND FRANTICALLY FOR MY SAKE
IT MADE ME HAPPY...
I MEAN...
IF WE STAY HERE, THE THREE OF US ARE GOING TO CATCH A COLD.
COME TO MY PLACE

203
Mats
AHH
HA
AH
HA
lick

creak
creak
creak
FAST
AH... AH
MATSUI
UH
SQUEAK

HIROSE
shudder
UN
TURN THIS WAY
YOU...
ARE CUTE LIKE THIS

IT'S ABOUT TIME I REALIZED
dong___ dong

I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND AFTER ALL!!
YOU SHOULD MAKE ME YOUR PRIORITY!!
DON'T TALK SO LOUD, STUPID!!
clutch
WELL ~~~
I WAS THINKING WE COULD HANG OUT WITH MATSUI TODAY.
mrrow
It's confusing!
C'MON, CHANGE HIS NAME!!
OH.
MATSUI, WHAT'S UP?
Today's Sunday, you know...
NOTHING
THE WEATHER IS NICE, SO I THOUGHT WE MIGHT GO SOMEWHERE
HOLD ON WHILE I GO CHANGE CLOTHES
I'm second place!!
OH... I GET IT.
YOU'RE HANGING OUT WITH MATSUI AND TAKING HIM ON A WALK TOO
He won't let him go on walks very often

CHEATER!!
ARE YOU GOING TO CATCH A LOCUST, TOO?
THE SHRINE LET'S GO TO THE SHRINE
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I'M GOING TO PUT A CURSE ON YOU.
WHY?!

Walk with a Black Cat : end